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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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NORTHPORT VILLAGE CORPORATION
Proposed Revision to
Terms and Conditions

ORDER APPROVING
TERMS & CONDITIONS
AND EXEMPTION FROM
CHAPTER 86, § 7.B

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

I SUMMARY

The Commission approves the Northport Village Corporation – Water Department (Department) Terms and Conditions and grants an exemption from Chapter 86, § 7(B) to permit a \$10 collection trip fee for non-residential customers.

II BACKGROUND AND DECISION

On June 14, 2000, the Department filed with the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 307, proposed revisions to its schedule of Terms and Conditions consisting of Pages 1 through 6, all Original. The revisions were proposed to become effective on July 14, 2000.

The effective date of the proposed Terms and Conditions was suspended for three months (from and including July 14, 2000) by Suspension Order No. 1, dated July 11, 2000.

The Commission Staff reviewed the proposed Terms and Conditions with the Department and suggested several minor changes. The Department subsequently filed, on July 12, 2000, further revisions to Original Pages 2 and 3.

We have now reviewed the revised Terms and Conditions and find them to be reasonable. We note, however, that the proposed revision includes a \$10.00 collection trip fee which, although acceptable, is inconsistent with the \$5.00 limit established in Chapter 86 § 7(B) of the Commission's Rules, Disconnection and Deposit Regulations for Non-Residential Utility Service. We agree that the collection trip fee for residential and non-residential customers should be consistent and will grant the Department an exemption from Chapter 86 § 7(B).

Accordingly, we

O R D E R

1. That the Northport Village Corporation – Water Department is hereby granted an exemption from Chapter 86 § 7(B), that will allow the Department to collect a \$10.00 collection trip fee from non-residential customers; and

2. That the Northport Village Corporation – Water Department schedule of Terms and Conditions, consisting of Pages 1, 4, 5, & 6 – all Original, filed on June 14, 2000, and Pages 2 & 3 – all Original, filed on July 12, 2000, are hereby approved to become effective for service rendered on or after August 1, 2000.

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 1st day of August 2000.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: WELCH
NUGENT
DIAMOND

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